THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

W.P.NO.23734 OF 2005

Dt.7.11.2005

Between:

Jaggaiahpeta Mandal Retail Kerosene Dealer

And Hawker Association, rep. by its President

… Petitioner

And

The Joint Collector (Civil Supplies),

Krishna District at Machilipatnam and two others. … Respondents

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

It is stated that the petitioner herein is a registered association consisting of 28 hawkers in Jaggaiahpeta Town and Mandal, Krishna District and the respondent authorities used to allot more than 2800 liters to each kerosene hawker. While so, the respondents have drastically reduced the said kerosene quota from 200 to 1500 liters to each kerosene hawker.

The learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies submits that so far as the reduction of quota of kerosene is concerned, it is for the authorities to look into the availability of stocks and it is open for them to reduce the quota depending on the availability of the supply of

kerosene and the number of licensees and the number of cards.

As per the order of this Court in W.P.No.16866 of 1996 dated 24.9.1997, no one can claim any fixed quota as a matter of right and it is for the authorities to properly regulate the supply and distribution of kerosene. The system distribution of kerosene is primarily meant for the convenience of the public and not so much for the livelihood of the licensees/kerosene hawkers. At the same time, it is for the authorities to see that no hardship is also created to the licensees and the card holders.

Though the petitioner has no vested right for questioning the reduction of quota of kerosene, the petitioner association has made a representation on 21.10.2005 for allotment of at least the minimum quota of 2800 liters to each kerosene hawkers and the same has not been considered by the respondents. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to consider and dispose of the said representation made by the petitioner association on 21.10.2005 in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

7.11.2005

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